

City leaders met on April 5 at a workshop to review progress on the major goals of Covina's Strategic Plan. This semi-annual meeting allows staff and Council members to discuss goals and objectives set for a three-year period. Along with setting new goals and objectives for the next period, the following major accomplishments were outlined in a brainstorming session. They are not listed in priority or chronological order. New three-year goals and six-month objectives will be presented at the May 8 City Council meeting. Watch for updates on this website.

THE MAJOR THREE-YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CITY OF COVINA 2009-2012

- Balanced City budget each year
- Completed Civic Park/Heritage Plaza Renovation
- Implemented a new financial system
- Received a clean audit each year
- Implemented new Utility billing system
- Updated city phone system
- Updated information technology infrastructure
- Implemented the XIT exit poll for departments and will be used in the business community for public feedback
- Construction of approximately \$20 million in water and sewer projects
- Unified the Library under Parks & Recreation
- Upgraded City website
- Approved the Metrolink Pedestrian Improvement Project
- Held first annual Green Fair to promote sustainability planned the next one
- Installed Bikestation kiosk at the Metrolink station
- Enhanced security at the library
- Received an \$11,000 training grant to create a Family Place at the Library
- Literacy Coordinator was accepted into the Leadership Program and is serving on a State Board
- Economic development work led to improvement for a large, blighted property - currently in escrow
- Received an AQMD tree grant of \$37,000 to plant 100 trees
- Staff have shown resiliency
- Staff have maintained a positive attitude
- Received an AQMD grant to match funds for Compressed Natural Gas station—approximately \$200,000
- Resolved negative Water Fund cash balance issue
- Established a Long Term Financial Stability Committee
- Issued \$15 million in water bonds
- Issued \$13 million in sewer bonds
- Facilitated completion of City Ventures Vintage Walk Phase II housing development
- Secured funding from business community for community events
- Facilitated completion of numerous Eagle Scout projects, including library shelving upgrade
- Community Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held in June 2012
- Study of assessments to achieve equitable funding for street lighting is underway

- Developed and approved a City Green Purchasing Policy
- Completed the Park System Master Plan
- Public Works, working with the Energywise Partnership, is helping homeowners take advantage of rebates for energy saving upgrades
- Planning underway for a joint vocational center project with Covina-Valley USD
- Secured sponsorships for the Summer Evening Entertainment Series
- Reduced the crime rate for the past five years
- Planning underway for private funded Police Memorial
- Developed and implemented many new library programs
- Coordinated recognition of people who made significant contributions to the city via the Covina Park Wall of Honor
- Providing City Council and Planning Commission agendas online
- Improved records management with scanning of historical documents
- Water infrastructure improvements—refurbishing reservoirs, refurbishing water lines and improving sewers
- Maintaining important City reserve balances
- Awarded a \$2.125 million grant (from Prop 84) for a new park
- Received a Family Place grant for \$15,000
- Improved relations with the City employee bargaining groups
- Implemented UCPR (University Covina Parks and Recreation) a staff training program
- Staff have been innovative
- Staff have been creative in finding new funding resources
- Received a \$200,000 grant for communications upgrades in the Police Department
- Ongoing work with State and Federal advocates to help obtain funds and to influence legislation
- Ongoing Board and Commission member outreach
- Updated the park ordinances
- Municipal code available online
- Relocating the Olmec Head
- Increased online services available
- Created the Covina Team — a volunteer program for teens to implement service projects in the community
- Webcasting (live and archival) of City Council and Planning Commission meetings to provide public access and transparency
- Received a leadership award from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for sustainability efforts
- Council Subcommittee established to identify possible locations for Solar Voltaic Project
- Acquired a new sewer maintenance truck
- Facilitated façade improvements for downtown
- Approved the mixed use Olson Project for downtown
- Implemented a joint Summer Reading project with Covina-Valley USD for elementary-age children
- Acquired in-car video unit for all police cars
- Forging new relationships with the business community to continue community events without Redevelopment funds
- Installed orange (City logo) bike racks throughout the downtown

- Opening a community garden in 2012
- Ikea donated new furnishings and design for community room at the library
- Police Department is downsizing vehicle fleet with no impact on service
- Secured Lowe's as a new retail store
- Home Depot donated materials and labor to renovate the Library lobby and restrooms and paint and tile the Recreation Hall
- Home Depot donated renovation for the Heritage House at Covina Park